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April 28, 2021

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Chair **Appropriations Committee** U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger Ranking Member **Appropriations Committee** U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I write to respectfully request \$1,710,000 in fiscal year 2022 funding to develop an interprofessional Learning Laboratory for Social & Population Health.

The entity to receive funding for this project is George Mason University, 4400 University Dr. Fairfax, VA, 22030.

This interprofessional learning lab will improve health care for communities and ensure students have improved competencies upon graduation. The learning lab will allow students to design and implement demonstration projects that generate innovative community-based healthcare models and fuel students' understanding of population health improvement for communities. The centerpiece will be the launch of a Summer Immersion Institute (SII) for 96 students. The SII curriculum will focus on building students' capacity to address social health for communities and ensure access to care for marginalized communities in Fairfax County, especially for communities who have been disproportionately affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Gerald E. Connolly Member of Congress

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